



1998



*at the*  
**Ivoryton Playhouse**  
**THEATRE FOR CHILDREN**

MAIN STREET, IVORYTON

*All Performances at 11:00 AM*

*\*EXCEPT AS NOTED BELOW\**

**SUMMER OF 1998**

FRIDAY, JUNE 26 - "SLEEPING BEAUTY"  
(Performed by The Fanfare Theatre Ensemble)

FRIDAY, JULY 3 - "MIME TIME"  
(Performed by Randy Lee Handler)

FRIDAY, JULY 10 - "THE FOOL AND THE FLYING SHIP"  
(Performed by Flying Ship Productions)

FRIDAY, JULY 17 - "TALESPINNERS"  
(Performed by Lisa and David)

FRIDAY, JULY 24 - "CHRISTMAS IN JULY"  
(Performed by The Fanfare Theatre Ensemble)

FRIDAY, JULY 31 - "A GYPSY LIFE FOR ME"  
(Performed by Julie and Brownie)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7 - "MR. CLOWN COMES TO TOWN"  
(Performed by Len Cerel)

MONDAY, AUGUST 10 - "PINOCCHIO"  
\*Special Performance at 7:00 PM\*  
and

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14 - "PINOCCHIO"  
\*11:00 AM and 1:00 PM\*

(Performed by The River Rep's own Youth Theatre)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21 - "THE ADVENTURES OF PENNY PANDA"  
(Performed by The Fanfare Theatre Ensemble)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28 - "AESOP'S FABLES"  
(Performed by Erika Thimey Dance & Theatre Co.)

**ALL  
SEATS  
\$6.00**

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THE RIVER REP  
*at the*  
IVORYTON PLAYHOUSE

*presents*

**OSCAR WILDE'S**

**THE IMPORTANCE  
OF BEING EARNEST**

*A Trivial Comedy for Serious People*

*starring*

**Warren Kelley                    Julia Dion**

**Owen Thompson                Michelle Federer**

**Evan Thompson    Diana Marbury                Don Kerr**

*and*

**Joan Shepard**

*as Lady Bracknell*

*directed by*

**JANE STANTON**

*Set Design*

**Richard Meyer**

*Lighting Design*

**Martin E. Vreeland**

*Costumes by*

**Jennie Cleaver**

*Sound Design*

**Adam Elander**

*Ms. Shepard's costumes by*

**Vicky Jo DeRocker**

*Production Stage Manager*

**Karyn Meek\***

**The River Rep Dedicates Its 12th Season  
to  
ED QUIRIN**

*"Whose loving stewardship kept the lights lit  
at the Ivoryton Playhouse from 1979 - 1995."*

**WATCH FOR UPCOMING  
SPECIAL EVENTS!**

**Celebrate the 4th with River Rep**

**Buy a ticket and have a picnic on us**

*One show only July 4th at 4 p.m.*

The River Rep presents

**Katharine Houghton**

in her play

**BEST KEPT SECRETS –**

**A DANGEROUS LIAISON IN THE COLD WAR**

also starring **Anthony Newfield**

*Two Performances only – July 13th and July 27th at 8 p.m.*

*All Tickets \$20.00*

The River Rep's own Youth Theatre presents

**PINOCCHIO**

directed by Jane Stanton

*Three Performances only – Monday, August 10th at 7 p.m.*

*Friday August 14th at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.*

For tickets please call our Box Office at 767-8348

Monday, August 24th at 7:30 p.m.

**AN EVENING OF CABARET**

with

**Julia Kiley and Joe Ganci**

All tickets \$20.00

# THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST

## CAST

*(in order of speaking)*

Algernon Moncrieff .....	Owen Thompson*
Lane .....	Don Kerr
John Worthing, J.P. ....	Warren Kelley*
Lady Bracknell .....	Joan Shepard*
Hon. Gwendolen Fairfax .....	Julia Dion*
Miss Prism .....	Diana Marbury
Cecily Cardew .....	Michelle Federer
Rev. Canon Chasuble, D.D. ....	Evan Thompson*
Merriman .....	Don Kerr

Understudies: For Mr. Kelley - Jason Brophy

For Mr. Owen Thompson and Mr. Evan Thompson - Gershon Levy

For Ms. Shepard - Michelle Leite   For Ms. Dion - Sara Phillips

For Ms. Federer - Amie Aragones

*\*Member of Actors' Equity Association*

## ACT I

Algernon Moncrieff's flat in Half Moon St., London W.

*Intermission*

## ACT II

The garden at the Manor House, Woolton, Hertfordshire

*Intermission*

## ACT III

The garden of the Manor House

Late spring, 1895

**The use of cameras and/or recording devices is strictly prohibited.**

*The River Rep is a division of The Fanfare Theatre Ensemble, Inc.*

# Ivoryton Playhouse Fall Schedule

September 18-27

*"Abracadabra!"*

a new musical by Denny Moon

October 3

*"The Night the Stars Return"*

A Celebrity Auction and Cabaret to benefit the Ivoryton Playhouse

October 10

*"Hot L Baltimore"* by Lanford Wilson

Lyme-Old Lyme High School

October 24

*Fifth Annual Halloween Dance*

with Christine Ohlman & Rebel Montez

November 7

*"Dancing at the Stage Door Canteen"*

(1943) with The Joint Chiefs of Swing

November 12 & 13

Stories & Songs

with the Madhatters Children's Theatre

November 19-22

*"The Sound of Music"*

The Alice People Theatre Co.

December 3, 4, 5, 6, and 10, 11, 12, 13

Max Showalter's

*"Touch of the Child"*

## RENTAL INFORMATION

The Ivoryton Playhouse Foundation is pleased to announce that our on-going extensive rehabilitation effort has resulted in the Playhouse being available for rental year-round on either a daily or longer basis. Join the long list of famous performers who have graced our stage. Fully heated and air-conditioned, the 300 plus seat Playhouse blends the atmosphere of a National Register of Historic Places building with the amenities you need for your event. The Playhouse is the perfect place for shows, recitals, concerts, and other performances. The Playhouse also accommodates wedding receptions, fund raising events, professional organization dinners, and meetings, and dances. Please contact the Foundation office for more information at 767-7318.

**THE IVORYTON PLAYHOUSE FOUNDATION**  
wishes to thank the following businesses and individuals whose gifts over  
the past year have been of significant help to the Playhouse

**THE ESSEX SAVINGS BANK**  
for its continued support and generous gift of funds to  
support the Playhouse rehabilitation

**MAX SHOWALTER**  
for your wonderful campaign to bring the stars back to the Playhouse

**THE MADHATTERS CHILDRENS THEATRE CO.**  
for their joyous performances to benefit the theatre

**NORMAN NEEDLEMAN**  
for a kind heart and generous spirit

**PETER HANCE**  
for your blood, sweat and tears!

**JO-ANN & CHARLIE PARK**  
for keeping us supplied with the finer things in life!

**CAMPBELL HUDSON**  
our knight in shining armour

**DEAC MATTESON**  
for a fabulous evening of stories and songs

**MAYNARD GREENHOUSES**  
for bringing summer beauty to the Playhouse every year

**THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE IVORYTON PLAYHOUSE**  
who scrubbed and hauled and painted to make the theatre  
look her best!

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Dear Friends,

This year marks the 90th Anniversary of the Ivoryton Playhouse. During those 90 years, the theatre has been host to dances and parties, silent movies and weddings, and theatrical production that starred many of the most important actors of the American stage. Max Showalter, who has been researching the theatre's impressive history for our upcoming 90th celebrations, has said that more stars of the American theatre have performed on this small stage than any other theatre in the country. Quite an achievement for a community center built for the recreation of factory workers!

We, the members of the Ivoryton Playhouse Foundation, are proud of the Playhouse and her historical and cultural significance. With a trusty band of volunteers, donations from members, and funds raised from rentals and benefits, we manage to maintain the theatre throughout the year so that you can have the pleasure of enjoying a River Rep performance on a summer evening. Max Showalter's "Touch of the Child" in December, or a children's show with the Madhatters in the spring.

But we can only do so much with a willing heart and a paintbrush. Look around you - quaint is crumbling and picturesque is peeling. We need your help. Support the arts in your community - become a member of the foundation. Join us on October 3rd to celebrate 90 years of Playhouse history. Join us today and celebrate her future.

*Jacqueline Hubbard*  
Jacqueline Hubbard  
President

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